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Strawberry Shortcake and her friends were berry excited. Their favorite superstar, Cherry Jam, was moving to Berry Bitty City!

"I can't wait to meet Cherry Jam!" cried Lemon Meringue.
"I know all her songs by heart!" exclaimed Plum Pudding.
"She's berry talented!" Raspberry Torte added.

"I have an idea," said Strawberry. "Let's have a party
at my café to welcome Cherry!"

"Yes!" said Orange Blossom and Blueberry Muffin.

Strawberry and her friends spent the next day getting ready for the party.

They put up decorations and baked tasty treats.

At the party that night, the café was crowded.
Everyone in Berry Bitty City wanted to meet Cherry Jam!

When Cherry arrived, Strawberry and her friends introduced themselves.
"It's berry nice to meet you!" Strawberry told Cherry.
"We can't wait to hang out with you!" exclaimed Plum.

"How sweet of you!" Cherry replied.
"Is it fun to be so famous?" Orange asked Cherry.
"Do you love wearing all the costumes and makeup?" added Lemon.

"Actually," said Cherry. "I'm taking some time off from the spotlight."

"But why?" cried Raspberry.

"Sometimes being famous can be berry lonely," Cherry explained. "I have lots of fans, but no true friends. I feel like no one knows the real me!"

"Hmm . . . ," said Strawberry. "I think we know just how to make you feel at home here in Berry Bitty City."

Over the next few days, Strawberry and her friends took turns getting to know Cherry.

Raspberry and Cherry traded fashion advice. They designed some outfits for Cherry's new life out of the spotlight.

Cherry visited Lemon's hair salon. Lemon gave her a fabulous new look that was very different from the one Cherry wore when she was performing.

Blueberry and Cherry shared fruit smoothies at Blueberry's bookstore. They talked about their favorite books and movies.

Cherry went to Orange's store, where Orange helped Cherry shop for decorations for her new home.

At Plum's studio, Plum and Cherry worked on their dance moves.

Finally, Strawberry and Cherry wrote and rehearsed a few new songs.

"Let's invite our friends over to hear us perform," said Strawberry when they were finished.

"Great idea!" Cherry agreed.

Soon all the girls were rocking to the rhythms of Cherry and Strawberry's new tunes.

Orange, Plum, and Raspberry grabbed instruments and joined in, while Lemon and Blueberry bopped to the beat.

"That was berry good!" exclaimed Cherry when they took a break.
"We sound fruitastic!" Orange said.

"And we owe it all to you, Cherry," said Raspberry.
"Now that we know the real you!"
"You mean it?" asked Cherry shyly.

"Yes!" said Strawberry. "You're a talented singer who's supersweet and berry fun to be with."

"An all-around fabulous friend!" added Blueberry.

"Thank you," said Cherry. "And I think that not only have I found the perfect pals . . ."

"I've found the perfect bandmates, too!" said Cherry.
"Yes!" exclaimed all of Cherry's new berry best friends.

There's a new girl in town! Cherry Jam is a famous singer and musician who hopes to step out of the spotlight and make some true friends. Strawberry Shortcake and her friends take Cherry to all their favorite spots in town. Will Cherry feel at home in Berry Bitty City, or will she want to head back to the bright lights of Berry Big City?

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